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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe we are nearly into the month of May – time seems to be flying past. The school grounds look so beautiful, filled with blossom trees and recently more often than not, a blue sky.

Mrs Turner

This week is Mrs Turner's last week as a member of the Singleton Team. However, I know her connection with our school, staff and families means she will always have honorary status! You may have seen the film on the school website, which we made in part to say hello to you all, but also to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Turner. We wish her well as she steps off the merry-go-round of teaching and onto a new path full of new adventures – even if those plans are on hold for a little while longer.

Questions and Answers

Although I have no answer to the national question – 'when will children go back to school and how', I do have some answers to a few questions asked by families.

What will happen if children are not sitting tests – especially in Year 6?

When children transfer to secondary school, they often have some tests to support the Year 7 teachers with planning and supporting children. This will support the secondary schools with planning for your child.

As part of pupil progress meetings, the teachers have already provided indicators as to how children were meeting Age Related Expectations or the Early Years profile for Reception children. When children have returned and settled, we will assess informally to gauge the children's needs and development. This will support the staff to see where any knowledge or skill gaps may be and adjust planning accordingly.

How will transition work for Year 6?

Whilst I cannot say exactly how this will look, I know that the secondary schools will be looking at this very carefully. They will be considering the pastoral needs of the Year 6 children and seeking ways to support their move. We will ensure that all relevant information and a school report for each child goes to the secondary school and where appropriate follow this up with a more detailed phone call.



Will parents of Year 6 children, be refunded for the residential?

The advice from County is not to cancel any residential trips ourselves, as this will invalidate our insurance. We will have to wait until the provider cancels the trip and this is unlikely to be until the week or two prior to the date of travel: 10th June. As soon as we have the information, we will contact the Year 6 parents.

If you have any more questions, please do email them!

EMAILING NEWSLETTER

PLEASE NOTE this will be the last week the Newsletter arrives via email. From this point, all Newsletters and communication will be on our website. You can download an app onto your phone, which will send an alert when we add any communication to the news/events page. Go to the website: Parents and Carers page, and at the bottom, you will see a link to get the News and Events App. I have tested this – it does work!

A message for our children:

Thank you so much for the learning, which you have sent in over the past week. Remember if you email your teacher – they will email you back!

We hope you are enjoying the weekly challenge sheet that goes on the website each week. Try to do a little bit each day, along with some of the other ideas on BBC Bitesize, using your great imaginations and playing outside too.

Fun facts for this week:

- Raspberries are a member of the rose family
- Bananas can float in water
- 970 million dozen eggs are laid every year in the UK
- More than 163 million cups of tea are drunk every day in the Britain
- The world's first chocolate bar was made in Bristol in the late 1720s by Joseph Fry.
- The world's largest apple was grown in Kent in 1997 weighing 3.68 lbs.

[Click Here](#) to watch the Life's a Happy Song clip. The lyrics come up for you to join in too. This is a great cheer up song – especially when it's a bit wet outside or you are feeling a bit glum!

I shall add a new song next week – let's see if we can build up a list of songs to sing back in school.

Stay in touch

I am always here if you need to pick up the phone for a chat about your child or any worries you may have. I appreciate that for some of our families you may be experiencing greater isolation. The school is much more than a place to learn – we are integral to the community and here for you all.

Take care and 'keep going'!

Kind regards

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team